

## ABSTRACT

Title: An association for the collegiate gospel choirs in the state of Indiana

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The purpose of this project was to create a leadership council for the collegiate gospel choirs in the state of Indiana that will help to develop students' spiritual wellness and leadership skills. A need for this project exists because there is currently little to no communication between these campus organizations across the state and no governing body to provide guidance and strategies for success. These choirs are important for students because they can enhance their spiritual development as well as help in improving their student leadership skills.

The goal of this project was to provide a new method for students to gain leadership experience in spiritually-based organizations. A major reason of the formation of gospel choirs on college campuses was for students of faith to have a campus organization where they could gather and fellowship with students like them. In addition, gospel choirs also provided student leadership positions for its members. Serving on the executive board for a gospel choir should yield the same results in terms of leadership skills gained for students as other on-campus organizations do. However, at present time, a centralized governing board for gospel choirs does not exist in the state of Indiana. Unlike other campus organizations that currently have a centralized governing board, college gospel choirs do not possess the experienced leaders or connections to their peers around the state to help them develop. With the creation of a structured

governing organization for the college gospel choir of Indiana, hopefully, this void in the state will be filled.